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Meetings Media Wins Three ASBPE Awards

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5, 2003—Meetings Media, publisher of three regionally focused trade magazines covering the meetings industry, won three Western Region Awards of Excellence from the American Society of Business Publication Editors.

Meetings Media's *Meetings West* magazine won for Front Cover (News Tabloid), while its *Meetings East* title won awards in the Regular Column (Staff Written) and Front Cover (Buyer's Guide) categories.

"Winning these awards, presented by one of the most prestigious trade organizations representing business publications, is a testament to the dedication and enterprising spirit of our editorial and design staff," said Tyler Davidson, editorial director of Meetings Media. "Recognition such as this serves to inspire us on our mission to provide in-depth editorial coverage and industry-leading design."

ASBPE's Awards of Excellence recognize print editorial and graphics as well as publication-associated websites. The Awards of Excellence program is one of the most competitive of its kind for business publications, according to ASBPE, which said it had 2,256 entries for its 25th annual awards, the second-largest amount ever.

Meetings West targets meeting planners who book meetings, conferences, conventions, trade shows, and events in the western U.S., western Canada and Mexico. *Meetings East* targets planners who book meetings, conferences, conventions, trade shows, and events in the eastern and midwestern U.S. and Canada.

Meetings West and *Meetings East*, as well as sister publication *Meetings South* and online presence MeetingsFocus.com, are published by San Francisco-based Meetings Media, a subsidiary of Cedar Rapids, Iowa-based Stamats Communications, Inc.

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